

REFERENCE TITLE: **qualified immunity; first responders**

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Introduced by
Representative Pearce

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 12, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 12-717; RELATING TO CIVIL LIABILITY.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 6, article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 12-717, to read:

4 12-717. First responders; immunity from civil liability

5 A. IN ANY CIVIL ACTION, A FIRST RESPONDER WHO IS ACTING WITHIN THE
6 SCOPE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES THAT A PLAINTIFF INCURS
7 UNLESS THE FIRST RESPONDER ENGAGED IN CONDUCT THAT WAS GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR
8 DONE WITH CRIMINAL INTENT.

9 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "FIRST RESPONDER" MEANS LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THIS STATE OR ANY
11 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE.